



Help Get More Money for your Livestock at the 4-H Livestock Sale

Alarro is searching for clubs to send a member or two to help form a new group to raise community funds to purchase animals at the Livestock Sale. All animals purchased would be donated to a local soup kitchen or food pantry. We need input on developing guidelines on fair purchasing practices, marketing, and recruitment and acknowledgement of donors. With the money raised, we will be able to bid on animals at a fair market value and help those in need of food. Please call Jennifer Miller at 810.395.2257 if you're interested or need more information on this wonderful community service project.

County Awards Banquet

The 4-H County Awards Banquet will be held on January 15, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) on Garfield in Clinton Township. The cost this year is \$7 per person. Any youth who submitted an application may attend the event for free. Please send payment to MSU Extension, Attn. 4-H, 21885 Dunham, Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036. RSVP by January 5th. The price will increase to \$10.00 at the door. Karen Hakim would like to extend a special thank you to Lynda Brockert, Faye Cerku, Michaelyn Crawford, Patricia Fons, Mary Grettenberger, Connie Houin, Nancy Demling, Don VanDeWater, Alayne Waterstraat, Anne Crotser, and Rachel Calcaterra for all their help with judging the applications for the County Awards. The group was very efficient and thorough. Thanks again for a job well done!

Council and Subcommittee Meetings

The next 4-H Council and Subcommittee Meeting has been changed to Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the VerKuijen Building's Assembly Rooms. Dinner will be served. If you are interested in serving on one of the four Council Subcommittees — Fair, Finance, Recognition, or Education — please call the 4-H office at 586-469-6431. For more information about the Council and it's subcommittees, see the sign-up form on the county website at [http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/documents/4-H Council and Subcommittees sign up form 2008 000.pdf](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/documents/4-H%20Council%20and%20Subcommittees%20sign%20up%20form%202008%20000.pdf).

Youth Invited to Photograph Michigan Historic Sites

All Michigan youth are invited to participate in the 2009 Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest. This is a prestigious youth photo contest sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development, Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries and Michigan History for Kids magazine. Youth aged 9-19, as of January 1, 2009, are eligible to submit up to two photos of a historic site. These photos can be two different perspectives of one historic site or two different historic sites. The entry submission deadline is February 15, 2009.

Celebrate Michigan Week by photographing Michigan's Historic sites. A historic site can be a building (such as a firehouse, house or barn); a structure (such as a bridge); an area (such as neighborhood or fairgrounds); or an object (such as a monument) that is 50 years old or older. Check out the "Michigan Historic Sites Online" online database of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) at <http://www.michigan.gov/historicsites> to find a historic site in your area.

Last years 4-H Youth Photo Contest Winner Exhibit will be on display at the Clinton-Macomb Library starting January 7th through January 14th. If you get a chance, visit the library and take a glance of all the beautiful photos. The library is located on the corner of Romeo Plank and Canal Road in Clinton Township. The exhibit will also be on display at the 4-H County Awards Banquet that is scheduled for January 15, 2009 at the MISD.

Need help with your photography? The Basic Photo Techniques Class, organized by the 4-H office, is for you. The class will be held at the Clinton-Macomb Library on Thursday, January 8th, 2009, from 6:30-8 p.m. Jim Kaiser will do a presentation that will help guide you in taking better photographs. Attendance is free, but you must R.S.V.P. to Roberta Busquaert at the MSUE 4-H office by Tuesday January 6th. For additional tips, check out the new national 4-H photography curriculum at <http://www.4-HPhotography.org>. For more information about the 2009 Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest contact Karen Hakim at 586-469-5931.

Spartan Basketball: Save the Date!



Plan on it! The 4th Annual MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Day at the Breslin Sports Center in East Lansing is scheduled for January 25, 2009. Come and cheer

for the MSU Spartan Women's Basketball Team as they face-off with the University of Wisconsin.

Breslin Center is on the Campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing. Admission is FREE to 4-H members, MSUE volunteers, families and staff. Youth Entrepreneurship is the theme for this year's game and Macomb County's Future Entrepreneurs 4-H Club will feature their "Uniquely Yours" products.

This is a cool way to spend a fun family day together. Come support the Green Team and our young entrepreneurs! Call MSUE office for more details at (586) 469-6431.

Club & Committee News

School Section Raises Funds, Performs Community Service Activities

School Section 4-H Club School Section 4-H made crafts on October 26th at the Methodist Church for the Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House helps children who are very sick. Some of the crafts we made were dinner napkins, get well cards, and drawings. Also at the Methodist Church, 4-H planted trees and bushes along the side of the church. The 4-H club wanted the church landscape to be nicer than before. Our 4-H group thanks those that participated in the community service on that day.

On Monday, November 3rd, School Section 4-H went to a nursing home in Armada. Our group read to many of the elderly seniors. Many of the residents do not have many visitors. We also made rain makers out of duct tape and toilet paper rolls with cocoa beans. Thank you for those who gathered at the nursing home to show the elders that you do care about them.

On November 9th School Section 4-H made \$131.00 from the sale of hot dogs, cookies, breads, and hot chocolate at the Tractor Supply Company or TSC for short, in Romeo. 4-H had the bake sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many who participated in the fundraiser brought their animals to show. Thank you for those who helped make this fundraiser a success.

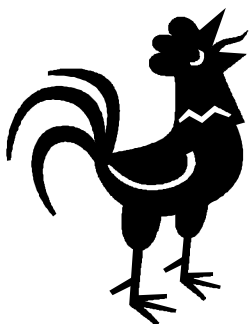
Submitted by Blake Muglia, School Section 4-H Club

Livestock Program Updates

Save the Date, Livestock Jeopardy

The Livestock Program Committee has set the date for the next Livestock Jeopardy Quiz bowl. It will be Saturday February 21 at the Creek Center Knights of Columbus on North Avenue in Armada. Teams of 4 can compete for cash prizes on their knowledge of 7 livestock categories: Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine. New this year will be a cloversprout activity table. We will need a couple of Teen Leaders to help. Call Kathy at the 4-H office if you're interested in helping. Cost per team will be \$10 plus four cans of food. All food will be donated to St. Mary's Mystical Rose Food Pantry. The deadline to register your team is February 13. Team registration flyers are available on the Macomb County MSUE 4-H Website at http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/documents/2009Livestock_Jeopardyflyer.pdf.

Livestock Sale Participation Forms



All youth who plan on selling their livestock project at the 2009 Armada Fair must return a completed Livestock Sale Participation form to MSUE 4-H Livestock Sale Committee Secretary, Jill Senyk at 13678 Mesmer, Allenton MI, 48002 or fax to 586-469-6948 by **January 9, 2009**. These forms are needed for livestock tagging, planning the sale, and purchasing poultry. The form

is now available online at the Macomb County MSUE website at http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_Forms.htm. **All Club Leaders were also mailed these forms in November.**

Steer Tagging

Steer tagging takes place at the Armada Fairgrounds on February 1, 2009 from noon to 2 p.m. All steers must be tagged at this time in order to be exhibited in the 2009 Armada Fair.

Mentor News

January is National Mentoring Month

National Mentoring Month (NMM) highlights mentoring and the positive impact it can have on young lives. Spearheaded by the Harvard Mentoring Project, MENTOR and the Corporation for National and Community Service, the first-ever NMM was held in January 2002. This month-long outreach campaign focuses national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities and nonprofits, can work together to increase the number of mentors and assure brighter futures for our young people.

—www.mentoring.org

Thank you for being a mentor, you are shaping the lives of our future!

New Peer Mentor Programs

The 4-H Mentor programs are reaching out to more youth this fall! We partnered with Macomb Community College and received a grant to start a mentoring program at Arbor Elementary school in Roseville. MCC and Arbor students meet weekly after school and focus on tutoring and experiential learning activities. Michigan 4-H Youth Development also partnered with the Michigan Community Service Commission and Learn and Serve America to continue the 4-H Peer Mentoring and Service Learning project. This project helps young people who serve as mentors to acquire leadership and communications skills, to understand and commit to the value of community service, and assist mentees to improve academic and social skills. We now have Learn and Serve peer mentor programs with VanDyke, Utica, L'Anse Creuse schools and Conner Creek Academy in Warren. High school students meet weekly with elementary school students and participate in non-formal educational and fun activities.

Upcoming Events

Japanese Exchange

Travel to Japan, live with a Japanese family, and experience a world that tourists never see!

Michigan 4-H will be sending a delegation of youth to Japan in the summer of 2009. The trip will be from July 8th to August 6th with an approximate cost of \$4000 per person. Applications are due January 26th with a \$350 deposit.

Youth who have hosted Japanese delegates for the one month summer program or the year long high school program are eligible for grants to help cover the cost of the trip.

For more information or an application, contact: Vera Wiltse, Isabella County MSU Extension Educator at wiltsev@msu.edu or 989-772-0911 ext 302.

The Future Is You! Workshop

Attention future 4-H entrepreneurs, millionaires and community leaders! Be part of this popular workshop at Kettunen Center from January 16-18, 2009. The workshop will focus on helping you develop the skills you'll need in the future.

The workshop is divided into several tracks for you to choose from, including The Path to Becoming A Millionaire — It Starts with YOU, Be Your Own Boss, and Helping Friends. You'll participate in activities that help you learn about yourself and others and build the leadership skills you need. You'll head home with a variety of fun and useful resources, too!

This workshop is open to teens and adults aged 13 and up and costs \$66 per person. Register at the MSU Extension office by 5 p.m. on January 5, 2009.

Michigan 4-H Communications Day

February 14th is Michigan 4-H Communications Day at Michigan State University. Youths ages 9 to 19 are invited to participate in contests that will showcase and expand their communication skills and knowledge through public speaking, demonstrations, job interviews, photography, art, exhibits, cookery, graphic design, web design, citizenship and more. Registrations are due to the County MSUE office by January 21st. Check out the MSU website for details: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/events.html>.

4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference

The 4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference will be held January 24-25, 2009 at Kettunen Center. Teens will learn citizenship and leadership skills and ways to use those skills to make a difference in their communities through service. There will be sessions for both 4-H and non-4-H young people. Tracks include Leadership 101; Teen Mentors and Service Learning; 4-H Councils and Committees; Leadership and Civic Engagement; and National 4-H Conference Delegation. This workshop is open to adults and teens ages 14 and up. Cost is \$40 per person. Register through the county MSU Extension office by January 9, 2009.

Living with Less

Living with Less: Adjusting to a Sudden Loss of Income is scheduled for January 27, 2009 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Chesterfield Library, 50560 Patricia, Chesterfield Township, MI. Participants will learn to recognize grief over the loss, reassess how money will be used, develop and maintain a spending plan, and manage disagreements. Reservations are required. Call 586-469-7614 to RSVP for this free program.

4-H Capitol Experience

Experience Michigan Government in Action in Lansing from March 22-25, 2009. Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists, and other resource people to learn how policy is made. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of state government, discover ways to influence public policy decisions, explore careers in public policy, network with other young people and public policy professionals, develop a positive attitude toward their ability to affect public policy, and increase their leadership and citizenship skills.

Participants will have the opportunity to visit the State Capitol Building, the Supreme Court, and State and Community agencies. When high school students apply, they will select a public policy issue to explore in detail at Capitol Experience. Each group will visit people who work with their issue, including a community agency representative, spokesperson from a state executive agency, lobbyist and legislative aide.

4-H Capitol Experience is open to high school teens and adult chaperons who are interested in citizenship programs or state and local government. You do not have to be involved with 4-H in order to take part in this educational experience.

Since participation requires missing three days of school, a letter is available that you can give to school officials explaining expected learning experiences, using Michigan Educational Benchmarks.

Adult and 4-H member registration rate is \$275. Non-4-H members pay \$285. All meals, lodging and materials are included. The Macomb County 4-H Council offers scholarships that cover up to 50 percent of the registration fee.

Application packets are available at the Macomb County MSU Extension office. They must be completed and returned by February 6, 2009. For copies of the application or more information, visit the web at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/capexp.html> or contact Anne Crotser at 586-469-6431.

State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

The 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show will be held at the MSU Pavilion on January 31, 2008. This event is for 4-H youth who are ages 9 to 19 by January 1, 2009. A division for youth ages 5-8 is available. Exhibitors must own the rabbits or cavies (guinea pigs) they enter. Spectators are welcome! Judging will be by ARBA standards (breed, fur, meat). The cost is \$2.75 cash per class. An event catalog is available online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/anisci/RCShowCatalog-09.pdf> or at the MSU Extension office.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training

January 17-18, 2009 Cost: \$65
Bellevue Conservation Club, Bellevue, MI
Register at MSU Extension by 1/5/09.

This workshop is for adults age 18 or older who are currently 4-H shooting sports instructors and all new 4-H shooting sports instructors who intend to supervise 4-H shooting sports activities. Choose between two tracks: 4-H Shotgun Instructor and 4-H Muzzle Loading Instructor. Call 586-469-6431 for details.

Notes from the 4-H Office

New Website Introduces Kids to Key Consumer and Business Concepts

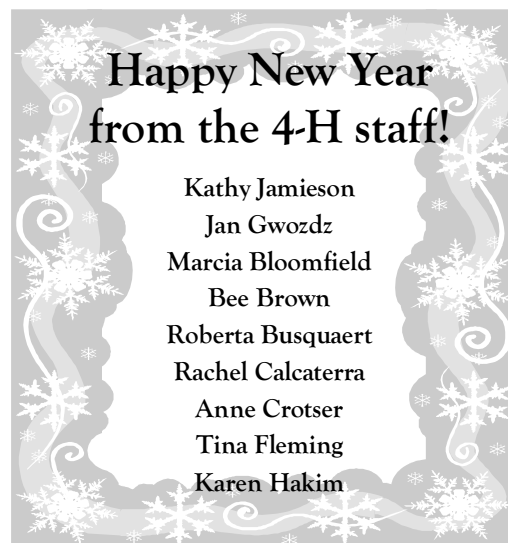
Set in a shopping mall, <http://www.ftc.gov/YouAreHere> takes kids on an experiential journey that presents the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) mission and its important role in American commerce. Kids under 12 are reported to spend billions of dollars on goods and services every year. FTC.gov/YouAreHere site features animated guides who help visitors navigate a virtual mall and interact with shopkeepers and other consumers. Kids can design and print advertisements for a shoe store, uncover suspicious claims in an ad, and guess the retail price of various candies based on their supply, demand, and production costs. One game that has players match the features of various cell phones with certain audiences illustrates the principles of target marketing; another allows visitors to compare sales pitches from three pizza joints as it explains competition. A short film playing at the cinema illustrates the history of the FTC. For parents, teachers and volunteers, the site offers fact sheets that cover advertising, marketing, and competition in more detail, along with ideas for related activities.

Welcome to the New 4-H.org

With a great deal of pride and pleasure, we announce the public unveiling of the new 4-H.org — an innovative environment designed for 4-H youth, volunteers and staff, as well as the many visitors looking to learn more about the exciting world of 4-H. We invite you to be among the first to visit and take a tour of our new online home: www.4-h.org/tour.

4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Leader Training

Through 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge, youth can learn canoeing, kayaking, cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, outdoor survival and safety skills. As part of these activities, they learn to deal with physically and mentally stressful situations that may occur in any setting in their lives. The 2009 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Leader Training applications are due to 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Coordinator Jim Harper by April 13, 2009. The application and more information are available online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/challenge.html> or from the Macomb County MSU Extension office, 586-469-6431.



4-H PLEDGE FOR PARENTS

I pledge my...

HEAD to give my child the information I can, to help him/her see things clearly and make wise decisions.

HEART to encourage and support my child no matter whether he/she has successes or disappointments.

HANDS to help my child's club; if I cannot be a volunteer, I can help in many equally important ways.

HEALTH to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for my child's club, our community, our country, and our world.

From the Colorado State University Club Meeting Handbook

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